## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for processing incoming calls ~~according to at least the H.323 protocol~~ comprising:

receiving at least first and second incoming calls;

retaining the first incoming call in a first state;

waiting until the first incoming call progresses to a second state;

answering the second incoming call and placing it in the first state after the first incoming call progresses to the second state; and

transitioning the second incoming call in the first state to a second state.

2. (original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the first state is a pending answer state and the second state is a call connected state.

3. (original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

starting a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and

hanging up the second incoming call and placing it in a third state if the timer expires.

4. (original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

waiting until the first incoming call progresses to a third state; and

answering the second incoming call and placing it in the first state if the first incoming call progresses to the third state.

5. (currently amended) A processor-based videoconferencing station comprising a medium storing instructions for causing the processor to:

receive at least first and second incoming calls ~~according to at least the H.323 protocol~~;

retain the first incoming call in a first state;

wait until the first incoming call progresses to a second state;

answer the second incoming call and place it in the first state after the first incoming call progresses to the second state; and

transition the second incoming call in the first state to a second state.

6. (original) The station as recited in claim 5 wherein the first state is a pending answer state and the second state is a call connected state.

7. (original) The station as recited in claim 5, wherein the medium further stores instructions for causing the processor to:

start a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and

hang up the second incoming call and place it in a third state if the timer expires.

8. (original) The station as recited in claim 5, wherein the medium further stores instructions for causing the processor to:

wait until the first incoming call progresses to a third state; and

answer the second incoming call and place it in the first state if the first incoming call progresses to the third state.

9. (currently amended) A processor-based video conferencing station comprising:

a receiver for at least first and second incoming calls ~~according to at least the H.323 protocol~~;

a memory for maintaining the state of each incoming call in at least first and second states; and

an analyzer for retaining the first incoming call in a first state; waiting until the first incoming call progresses to the second state; answering the second incoming call and placing it in the first state after the first incoming call progresses to the second state; and transitioning the second incoming call in the first state to the second state.

10. (original) The station of claim 9, wherein the first state is a pending answer state and the second state if a call connected state.

11. (original) The station of claim 9, wherein the analyzer is further for:

starting a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and

hanging up the second incoming call and placing it in a third state if the timer expires.

12. (original) The station of claim 9, wherein the analyzer is further for:

waiting until the first incoming call progresses to a third state; and

answering the second incoming call and placing it in the first state if the first incoming call progresses to the third state.